

# YPSILANTI.

## A REVIEW OF THE CITY AND ITS INDUSTRIES.

### A Chapter that Gives Everybody, and Especially Those Not Acquainted With Our Industrious City, Much Valuable Information.

There has never been a time in its history when the business and mercantile interests of Ypsilanti were in a better condition or more prosperous than in the year of our Lord, 1883. Certainly, at no time since the war has there been as tangible evidence of thrift and prosperity as now seen on every hand. We have not suddenly become famous and then dropped into insignificance, but the even tenor of our way has been steadily forward. We have grown in all the essentials of good citizenship. Commercially, Ypsilanti is the centre of a goodly heritage of farming lands, while in the manufacturing we have valuable industries, the most valuable of which are our paper mills, which have a world wide reputation. The advantages of Ypsilanti as a manufacturing point are very apparent to every thinking mind. Our railroad facilities are ample, we are surrounded by a vast amount of lumber country, and our facilities for water power are most excellent. Our public schools are the best in the state, and the State Normal School is well known as a most excellent place for education. Our churches and our society is all that could be desired, and are characteristic of our people. The beauty of the city and its surroundings, and the high grade of culture and intelligence that prevails among its people, have given the place a name and reputation wherever the state of Michigan is known. Our city is rapidly improving, the most valuable of the late improvements being the new building for the treatment of patients with the Ypsilanti Mineral Water, which is fast becoming famous all over the country.

We give up much of our space this week to a review of some of our business interests. The reader will find in each account something of interest relative to the business efforts of the people who now transact nearly all the business done in our city, and who give to Ypsilanti its prominence in a business way. It has not been many years since our city was a small and insignificant town. Now it is the pride of every citizen as a city, and as the years go by the progress is plainly observable, and with our interests placed in the hands of such men as are in this paper spoken of we need have no fears that we will not continue to increase in wealth and solidity. Every line of this business history should be carefully read by the thousands who may read this issue of the COMMERCIAL. The first we shall mention is

#### THE YPSILANTI MINERAL BATH COMPANY.

The advancement in the medical and surgical world in the last few years is something remarkable; it seems as though there were no end to the improvement in the style and manner of treating all kinds of ailments. We find in the United States many men who are devoting their entire energies to the treatment of certain diseases, and many establishments which are large, and are supplied with a full corps of attendants, where almost all kinds of diseases and ailments (outside of those of a contagious nature) are treated. Among this number will be classed the Ypsilanti Mineral Bath establishment.

The history of the founding of this establishment is very interesting, but want of space forbids of any but a brief mention. In December, 1882, the Ypsilanti Paper Company completed a well on their premises for the purpose of obtaining a supply of pure water for use in the manufacture of paper. The well reached a depth of nearly eight hundred feet, when they struck a vein of water that had a peculiar taste, and was acknowledged to possess some medical properties. The real value of the water was not known, however, until some months afterward, when it was discovered that several very remarkable cures of cancer, rheumatism and other kindred diseases, could be traced to the effects of this water.

The reputation of this mineral water spread very rapidly, and hundreds of our citizens can testify as to its beneficial effects. It became the one theme of conversation on our streets, and the demand for treatment from this water became more and more apparent every day. Our citizens became interested in the matter, and, seeing that it would be a great addition to the city, offered a donation of \$5,000 to any one who would start a suitable establishment where persons suffering from disease could receive treatment from this water. After due consideration the proposition was accepted by George Moorman and Clark Cornwell. These gentlemen began the erection of a building on the eight day of last May. They have pushed its construction as fast as the weather would permit. It will be ready for occupancy about the first of January, and will when finished, be the finest building in the city.

The building in question is built after the most modern style of architecture, of brick and stone, has a plate glass front, and presents a handsome appearance. The building is of an L shape. It has a frontage of sixty feet, is one hundred and thirty-eight feet in depth, the part represented by the lower part of the L being twenty by eighty feet. The front part of the building is two story and a basement. The lower part being used for the office and business department, parlors, reception rooms, consultation rooms, cooling and dressing rooms. The basement will be used for barber shop and laundry, and the second story is divided into eight large and airy rooms for the accommodation of guests who may wish to room in the building. In the rear of the two story part are located the bath rooms, forty-three in number, all of which are fitted up in the best possible manner, with all the latest improvements. A portion of these bath rooms are fitted up for spring water, hot or cold, and the remainder for the water

from the Ypsilanti Mineral Well. In the rear of the bath rooms will be found the engine, boiler and pump rooms. The entire building will be heated by steam, and it is probable that it will be lit by electricity. No expense is being spared by Messrs. Moorman and Cornwell to make this one of the best establishments of the kind in the country, and it will, when completed, represent an outlay of over \$30,000. The plot of ground owned by this company extends from Huron street to Huron river, there being a large body of land in the rear of the building. It is probable that the ground will be made into a park, giving an elegant place for a promenade and for all kinds of games, while the river offers a fine place for boating.

Messrs. Moorman and Cornwell have secured Mr. A. A. Elliot to manage the business of their establishment. This gentleman has had over eight years experience with mineral water treatment, during which time he has been very successful. They are now drilling a new well in the rear of their building for an additional water supply. They expect to strike the mineral water at a depth of eight hundred feet.

The Ypsilanti Mineral Bath Company's building is centrally located, being only one block from the principal hotels of the city, making it very convenient for patients. Or, if they desire, board can be had immediately adjoining the building. Ample hotel and boarding accommodations can be depended upon. Additional hotel facilities are already being contemplated by the gentlemen of this Company.

There is no question as to the curative powers of this mineral water, many cures having already been effected of cases which have baffled the skill of the most learned physicians of the country. Cures have been effected of patients who have taken treatment from the celebrated Hot Springs, Arkansas, and other places. The fame of the Ypsilanti Mineral Water is growing and extended every day. It is now being sold in many of the large metropolitan cities, as far distant as the New England states, where the water sells readily for one dollar a gallon.

The management of this institution is in the hands of two of our best business men. Mr. Moorman is one of our oldest and most reliable citizens, and one of the heaviest real estate owners in this section of the state. Mr. Cornwell is a member of the Ypsilanti Paper Company, an energetic and pushing business man. They are both well known in this section, stand high in the community, and a mere mention of their names in connection with an enterprise of this kind is enough to insure success, and honorable and just treatment to all parties concerned. It is to such enterprising and able citizens as these that cities are indebted for their positions among the manufacturing and progressive marts of the world. Everything they do is done thoroughly and well, and bears the impress of master minds. The Ypsilanti Mineral Bath Company is an institution of which Ypsilanti may justly be proud, and which is in every way deserving of the patronage and generous support of the people.

#### DR. W. H. HALL.

The name of this gentleman is known to almost every person in this part of the state in connection with the wonderful cures effected by the use of the Ypsilanti Mineral Water. For it was he who first used it successfully, and to him is the credit due for the wide reputation it now has from such cures. Dr. Hall has practiced medicine sixteen years, twelve years of which time he has been located in this city. He has during his practice made a speciality of chronic diseases, and about twelve years ago, in order to more successfully treat such cases, established a Turkish and electrical bath house.

On the 15th of last April the doctor began giving baths of the Ypsilanti Mineral Water. In his treatment of patients with this water he has been very successful. He has a great advantage over most of men from the fact that he is a regular practicing physician, and can the more readily diagnose a case, and is better able to tell what kind of treatment the patient needs. Then, too, his having made a speciality of chronic diseases the better qualifies him for his present business.

Dr. Hall has been remarkably successful with all cases of rheumatism, paralysis, catarrh, hay fever, all nervous diseases, eczema (the worst of skin diseases) and all other skin diseases, diseases of the liver and kidneys, cancer of the face, cancer of the womb, etc., etc. He has had patients from far distant cities and towns, and has on file in his office many testimonials regarding his wonderful cures. In order that our readers may better judge for themselves we give a few of the many testimonials referring to cures of some of the diseases mentioned:

YPSILANTI, Mich., Nov. 20, 1883.

Dr. Hall.—I assure you that those hot mineral baths you gave me, in the spring, as the first man treated in your famous mineral baths, cured me entirely. I was very bad, had been confined to my bed about two weeks, and was unable to do anything at all. Mine was one of the worst cases of Acute Sciatic rheumatism, and I had suffered more agony than I can tell. After a few treatments at your hands I was much better and when I had taken about fifteen baths was entirely cured, and have not suffered from the disease since. You can use my name as a recommendation of your mineral baths.

Respectfully, Wm. Smith.

Wesron, Ohio, Oct. 19, 1883.

Dr. W. H. Hall, Ypsilanti Mineral Baths.—I wish to express my gratitude to you at the satisfactory manner in which you effected the most wonderful cure of myself. I had suffered so much and for more than five months, with inflammatory rheumatism, that my joints were much swollen, very weak and painful, and my eyesight was nearly gone. Twenty of your baths cured me, and I am now about as well as I ever was. I think too much credit cannot be given your assistant, Mrs. Parsons, for her kind and skillful manner in attending to the lady patients.

Mrs. C. Bonney.

Mason, Mich., Oct. 25, 1883.

Dr. Hall, Ypsilanti Mineral Baths.—I have suffered from rheumatism for fifteen years. Had pain much of the time; my limbs were swollen and joints stiff. Ten baths at your place, in the famous mineral water, with treatment at your hands, last June, has entirely cured me, and I have had no return of the disease. Yours etc.,

Daniel Seabury.

Linden, Genesee Co., Mich.

Dr. Hall, Ypsilanti.—I think you stated a fact in the beginning when you thought two months baths and treatment with you by the Ypsilanti mineral water, would cure a bad case of chronic erysipelas and salt rheum, from which I had suffered more than three years, and taken one hundred baths in other places, without any relief. I had endured more suffering than I am able to tell. But thanks to you, the disease has entirely left me after taking forty treatments at your establishment.

S. C. Sadler, Jr.

Centerville, Mich., Dec. 12, 1883.

Dr. Hall, Ypsilanti Mineral Baths.—I had suffered for some time with inflammatory rheumatism, accompanied with swollen and painful joints, loss of power, being unable to walk much. After five weeks' baths and treatment at your hands I am cured, and with a little time to gain strength in my knees, shall be as well as ever. I can recommend your mineral baths and treatment to all afflicted with rheumatism.

J. A. McKinley.

Nora, Mich., Dec. 12, 1883.

Dr. Hall, Ypsilanti.—Ten months since I fell on my knee, injuring the patella bone and its surrounding membranes and ligaments. The limb swelled greatly, tumified, muscles became paralyzed, and I lost power to use it entirely. I was confined to my rooms for months; tried all kinds of treatment in vain. Under the physicians advice placed a rubber bandage around my limb to prevent further enlargement. Finally I went to your office on crutches, and after using the mineral baths, with electricity, for six weeks, the limb has become so much stronger that I can walk without crutches and my general health has greatly improved. I shall continue treatment until fully restored. I can truly recommend your treatment to restore paralyzed limbs.

Yours, Mrs. A. N. Kelsey.

Dr. Hall is meeting with wonderful success with all cases he handles. His facilities are ample, and he is prepared to attend promptly to all callers. He has skilled assistants, both ladies and gentlemen, so that all persons may be attended to in a proper and satisfactory manner. He will cheerfully attend to all inquiries, either by letter or in person. His business is constantly increasing and he enjoys the entire confidence of all with whom he has dealings.

#### D. W. PARKER & SON.

There is probably no city in this part of the state presenting greater advantages and facilities to the dealer in lumber than does Ypsilanti, abounding as does the surrounding country in all varieties of timber useful and appropriate to the handwork of man. In a thriving and growing city like this, men who are conversant with their business, practiced in its details, and, withal, energetic and industrious, are important acquisitions to its progress. And such men, in an eminent degree, are D. W. Parker & Son, possessing as they do, a thorough understanding of the various departments of their business in a mechanical, scientific and business point of view.

This firm is composed of D. W. Parker and his son, C. A. Parker, the last named being the manager of the business in this city. The elder Parker has been engaged in the wholesale lumber business in Bay City for the past eighteen years, and is one of the largest dealers in that section. The house in this city was established about two years ago. The premises occupied consist of about a quarter of a square, and all of the space is utilized in the transaction of their business. They have succeeded in building up a very large trade, which is growing all the time.

The goods handled by D. W. Parker & Son consists of lumber of all kinds, in the rough and finished, lath, shingles, sash, doors and blinds and mouldings. The stock carried is very large and includes everything known to the trade. The fact of D. W. Parker being engaged in the wholesale business in Bay City gives their establishment in this city a great advantage over the ordinary dealers. It enables them to secure all their lumber at much less cost than other houses, and at the same time they are able to pick out such as their market demands, not being obliged to take an entire miscellaneous lot in order to get what they need for their patrons here. These facts should be considered by our people when wanting anything in their line, as we are certain D. W. Parker & Son can offer some extra in-